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I NEED A STORY NOW!

**a selection of our favourite
picture books added to the
SLS shelves this year**

Peter Bently & Mei Matsuoka **The great sheep shenanigans**

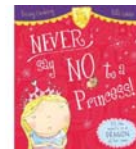
Andersen Press, (PB) 2011, 978 1 84939 384 3



A very naughty rhyming tale of Lou, a very naughty wolf, who wants to find his next meal. He thinks he is just so very cunning but Gran and Rambo come through with a cute plan of their own.

Tracey Corderoy & Kate Leake **Never say no to a princess!**

Scholastic, (PB) 2012, 978 1 407115 61 0



Gosh! What a sparkly, spoiled, Princess this one is. But none too smiley. As we all know, having everything your heart desires does not guarantee happiness. And we all know that friends are actually the best ever present anyone, royal or otherwise, can have.

Julia Donaldson **The singing mermaid**

Macmillan, (HB) 2012, 978-0-230-75044-9



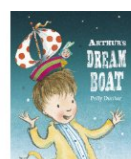
Sam Sly persuades the singing mermaid to leave her home in Silversands bay when he offers her gold and every luxury. However, life in the circus is not as described and she longs for the sea. A fishy moral tale packed with glitter and rhythm.

Jonny Duddle **The pirates next door**
Templar, (PB) 2011, 978 1 84877 392 9



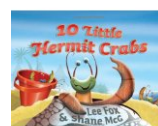
A rollicking adventure with The Jolley-Rogers as they move in to Dull-on-Sea and liven things up for a while. Tilda is overjoyed to see the pirate family but not everyone feels as excited as she does. When they leave however, the locals have a different story to tell. This is a sophisticated tale and just perfect for a bedtime story.

Polly Dunbar **Arthur's dream boat**
Walker Books, (HB) 2012, 978-1-4063-2714-4



Arthur dreams of a boat and is desperate to share his story but everyone is just too busy to listen. Meanwhile Arthur's boat gets bigger and bigger. This simple picture book is one class act.

Lee Fox & Shane McG **10 little hermit crabs**
Allen & Unwin, (PB) 2012, 978-1-74237-952-4



Count backwards and enjoy this rhyme as the tiny hermit crabs disappear!

Claire Freedman and Ben Cort **Monstersaurus**
Simon & Schuster, (PB) 2011, 978 1 84738 905 3



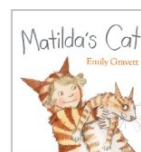
Monty loves to invent things but his attempts at making a monster chum go very, very, wrong. And then very, very, fine!

Charles Fuge **Charles Fuge's astonishing animal ABC**
Gullane, (PB) 2012, 978 1 86233 867 8



A journey through the alphabet at great speed accompanied by a selection of animals who are beautifully depicted and have acquired little personalities, thanks to the much admired work of the author.

Emily Gravett **Matilda's cat**
Macmillan, (HB) 2012, 978-0-230-74537-7



Matilda and her cat cannot agree on what they like. Except each other!

Edward Hardy and Ali Pye **Where is Fred?**
Egmont, (PB) 2012, 978 1 4052 5403 8



Fred is a delectable caterpillar with a cheeky grin and a beautiful fluffy white body. He loves to hide and hiding is easy, even when a hungry and determined crow named Gerald is hot on his trail.

Caryl Hart and Leonie Lord **Whiffy Wilson: the wolf who wouldn't wash**
Orchard, (PB) 2012, 978 1 40830 919 3



A great lesson in telling the difference between good and not so good, dirt!

John Hegley & Neal Layton **Stanley's stick**

Hodder, (PB) 2012, 978 0 340 98819 0



My favourite picture book this year – so far. The perfect story for sharing, especially if, as the adult, you have a quirky sense of humour. Stanley and his stick can really go places, in so many different ways.

(use this as a double act with Not A Stick by Antoinette Portis)

Zehra Hicks **The girl who loved wellies**

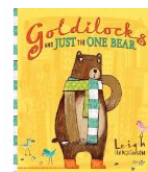
Macmillan, (PB) 2012, 978 0 230 74858 3



Molly just cannot be persuaded to remove her beloved wellies, even when she has itchy toes. Everybody PULL!!!

Leigh Hodgkinson **Goldilocks and just the one bear**

Nosy Crow, (PB) 2012, 978-0-85763-044-5



Goldilocks is all grown up but she can still recognise a bear in need of porridge, a chair and a bed when she sees one.

Oliver Jeffers **Stuck**

HarperCollins, (PB) 2012, 978-0-00-726389-9



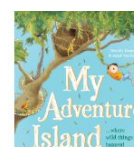
Floyd is flying his kite when it gets stuck in a tree. He just can't get it down however hard he tries and however many other objects he aims at it. Gosh, quite a crowd up there by the end.

Sarah Kemp & Sara Ogilvie **The worst princess**
Simon & Schuster, (PB) 2012, 978-1-84738-876-6



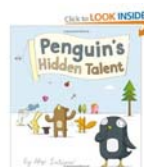
Hilarious and best suited to the slightly older (that includes us adults) reader. This feminist princessy does not want to swan about in dressies. And her suitor is a total flop of a fop so a dragon is a much better choice of life companion.

Timothy Knapman and Sarah Warburton **My adventure island**
Scholastic, (PB) 2012, 978 1 407115 23 8



Living on an island is just the best? No-one to tell you what to do. And no-one to give you a cuddle ...

Alex Latimer **Penguin's hidden talent**
Corgi, (PB) 2012, 978 0 552 56267 6



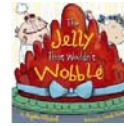
Penguin would love to take part in the talent show but he just doesn't seem to have quirky abilities like his friends. When it comes to *organising* the whole show – now that is quite a different matter!

Colin McNaughton & Emma Chichester Clark **Have you ever ever ever?**
Walker Books, (PB) 2012, 978-1-4063-3855-5



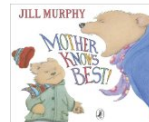
Have you ever seen incy-wincy spider and spouse? Or goosey gander and his missus? A LIBRARY CARD is all you need (we have to declare our interest in this book!).

Angela Mitchell **The jelly that wouldn't wobble**
Maverick Books, (PB) 2012, 978-1-84886-079-7



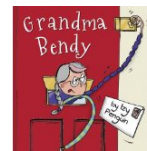
The royal cook has made Princess Lolly a very special birthday jelly but it just WILL NOT wobble. This is a jelly with attitude. Can any one make it quiver - just a little bit?

Jill Murphy **Mother knows best!**
Puffin, (PB) 2012, 978 0 141 50170 3



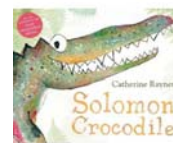
Bradley loves being with his Mum and she loves being with him but, oh my, what a lot of questions come out of the mouth of a very small bear.

Izy Penguin **Grandma Bendy**
Maverick Books, (PB) 20012, 978-1-84886-077-3



Grandma Bendy is just that and she has a dark (and bendy) secret past.

Catherine Rayner **Solomon Crocodile**
Macmillan, (PB) 2012, 978 0 230 75022 7



Nobody, but nobody, wants to play with Solomon. The animals just want a quiet life and Solomon is so very troublesome ...

Nicola L Robinson **The monster machine**
Pavilion, (PB) 2012, 978-1-84365-200-7



Dad makes monsters out of the most *disgusting* ingredients but even monsters made of disgusting ingredients have feelings and their idea of home isn't planet earth.

Tony Ross **I want a party!**
Andersen Press, (PB) 2012, 978 1 84939 369 0



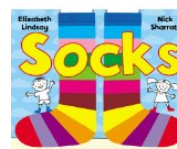
The Little Princess really, really, wants to hold a party. Everyone is delighted to help her organise it. She writes a huge pile of invitations

Nick Sharratt **Fancy dress farmyard**
Scholastic, (PB) 2012, 978 1407 11591 7



Another stunning lift the flap book from Nick Sharratt. So just who is hidden beneath the costumes? Go on, have a guess!

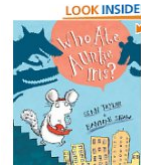
Nick Sharratt & Elizabeth Lindsay **Socks**
David Fickling Books, (HB) 2012, 978-0-857-56037-7



Sockywockydoohah – what can *you* do with socks? Open this book and prepare to be utterly amazed - in a socky wocky fashion, no less.

Sean Taylor & Hannah Shaw **Who ate Auntie Iris?**

Frances Lincoln, (PB) 2012, 978-1-84780-314-6



Auntie Iris is missing and her niece is determined to find out who has eaten her. She *must* have been consumed and one of the neighbouring families simply *must* be guilty. First floor flat – bears. Second floor – crocodiles. Third floor wolves. Auntie Iris – chinchilla.

Tim Wadham **The Queen of France**

Walker Books, (PB) 2012, 978- 1-4063-3997-0



A perfect story for sharing. Rose decides to spend much of the day as a Royal and her parents are happy to join in with the make-believe.